

**DRAFT MINUTES OF  
THE ORDINARY MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE HISTORY CENTRE  
16:15 MONDAY 28 October 2019**

**ATTENDEES:** Prof. Geoff Soutar (President); Peter Farr (Immediate Past President); Barrie Baker (Vice President) (A/Functions); Lois Joll (Principal); (Sallie Davies (H&MC); Deb Beresford (Secretary); Ruth Barrett;); Ian Jarvis (Communications); Ed Lazarus (Membership); Barbara Mallett (Reunions); Eve Broadley (Treasurer); Julian Grill

**APOLOGIES :**

**ITEM 1. IDENTIFICATION OF NEW GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS** to be added to the Agenda

Cable line for phone to History Centre  
Options for Membership payments.

**ITEM 2. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** Lois Joll (Principal);

The Raise the Roof project continues, with building documents being produced, which will go out to tender in the next month. As the estimate for stage 1 is higher than predicted, adjustments will be made for the tendering process to ensure Stage 1 stays within budget.

The 2029 Head Boy is Dylan Crowe and Head Girl is Julia Aquinot. Student Councilors attended a Student Council Camp where they participated in planning events and other activities for next year as well as working on leadership skills. The Student Council organized well run activities for R U OK Day, raising \$1800 for the R U OK Foundation.

The 2019 Senior Music Concerts at the end of Term 3 were a tribute to the multi-talented Senior Music Students.

Year 11's enjoyed a Dinner Dance and the Year 11 ATAR Drama students performed wonderfully in "Children of the Black Skirt" in Term 3. As well as acting, students were required to complete a production design role.

Year 12 students have returned to school to undertake final examinations preparation and to celebrate the last of their school days: Activities included Dress Up days, running of the bells, Dinner dance, symbolic climbing of the stairs to ring the school bell and a farewell assembly. WACE examinations will commence on Wednesday 30 October.

A long list of students is acknowledged and congratulated on their achievements. 2 students won an Australian Mathematics Competition medal. 2 Year 9 students won the British Parliament Debating Competition Cygnet division. 2 Year 12 students won the Model United Nations Evatt state final. A year 9 team and year 10 team won the WA Schools Think Tank Challenge. A Year 8 student won Gold in the Senior division of the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition. Year 9 students won the Team Award in the SCRAM competition. Many students qualified to represent WA in various national chess championships. Abbey Green Year 11 has been selected in the Australian Young Matilda's Football (Soccer) team in the upcoming AFC Under 19 Women's' Championship to be held in Thailand.

A Professional Development Day for staff on 28 October focused on Positive Education. Associate Principal Val Furphy is attending an external exchange program in Japan and Head of Science Ant Meczes is on Long Service Leave for the remainder of the term. PMS is hosting a Gifted and Talented Education Conference on 18/19 November which will be presented by Leonie Kronberg from Monash University

Facilities. Large Capital Projects – commenced – The Auditorium. A long list of minor works is in progress.

Minor Works – completed: Kiss n' Ride.

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**ITEM 3. MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 2 September 2019** were accepted.

Barrie Baker moved. Ruth Barrett seconded. Carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

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## **STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIONS IN THE ACTIONS ITEMS RUNNING SHEET**

**Item 203. Completed.** Communications. Server software has been updated as a result of a successful application for a grant from Lotterywest

### **ITEM 4: CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Inward Correspondence**

21 October 2019. Serial Claim for The Perth Modernian: Newsletter of the Perth Modernian Society.no.26 2019, from the State Library of Western Australia.

#### **Outward Correspondence.**

15 September 2019. Letters of thanks to Neil Coy, Celia Christmass and Elizabeth Hamer for their work with the Senior Music students who performed at the Annual Reunion on Sunday 15 September.

### **ITEM 5. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT.** *Report circulated electronically*

#### **Jarvis e-XMod Database (JED).**

The names of Year 12 students from the last decade are being entered into JED.

Permission to contact Perth Modernian Society forms were distributed by the School to 2019 Year 12 graduates and the information has been entered into the data base. A membership information package can now be sent to those who have responded.

#### **NEWSLETTERS**

##### **e-Newsletter**

- The September e-newsletter has been circulated as planned.
- Deadline for copy for the final e-newsletter for 2019 is 20 November 2019.

#### **THE PERTH MODERNIAN Magazine for Contributing Members**

Nothing to Report. **ACTION (227)** Deb Beresford to respond to State Library of Western Australia Serials Collection informing them that number 26 was not produced or published this year.

#### **WEBSITE**

Photos from 2019 Annual Reunion and the pdf of the 2019 Annual Oration are on the website. Thank you to Thalia Cole, Barbara Mallett, Peter Farr and Bill MacPherson for the photographs

#### **IT Equipment**

Broadband usage has stabilized after changing our remote connection to VPN  
MOSAIC has been updated to the latest version.

#### **MEMBERS**

##### **Changes from 29 Aug 19 to 27 Oct 19**

##### **Contributing 4Year**

1 renewed membership,  
**Registered 1** member. Family of student

### **ITEM 6: FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT.** *Report circulated electronically.*

#### **6.1 SPHINX FOUNDATION**

Barrie Baker reported that Jeanette McQueen has had to resign from the Board of the Sphinx Foundation due to health problems. Rob Gray, a member of the Sphinx Foundation Investment Sub-Committee has applied to join the Board and his application was unanimously accepted by the Sphinx Foundation Board. Peter Farr spoke in favour of the appointment and presented Mr. Gray's impressive CV. On behalf of the Sphinx Foundation Board, Barrie requested that the Council endorse the appointment. Council voted in favour.

The Board has received written notice from the Secretary of the MALKA Foundation that, for the next three years it will donate \$35,000 per year to the Sphinx Foundation. \$20,000 will go to extending the number, scope and value of needs based awards. \$15,000 will support programmes in leadership and preparation for entry to advanced employment to be run at the School under the MANNKAL Foundation initiative. This will be open to both staff and students.

The Sphinx Foundation Board will present a report on the initiative each meeting.

#### **6.2 PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY – OPERATIONAL FINANCE:** *Report circulated electronically*

Balance sheet for the Perth Modernian Society Operational account.

<b>Bank Balance</b>	
<b>30/08/2019</b>	<b>\$9345.16</b>

#### Income

Interest	\$1.65	
Membership	\$680.00	
Reunion	\$4830.13	****
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5511.78</b>	

#### Expenses

Insurance	\$776.00
Optus	\$230.00
Resources Systems	\$419.96
Lakes Network	\$574.75

#### Reunion

Timestart - Food	\$3200.00
Party Hire	\$251.00
Drinks	\$269.94
Bar Staff	\$225
Donation School	\$1000.00
Museum Association	\$330.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7276.65</b>
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#### Bank Balance

<b>28/10/2019</b>	<b>\$7580.29</b>
ACF Term Deposit	\$16677.59
(Includes interest June & Sept. interest \$168.07)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24257.88</b>
**** Balance to pay	\$170

#### 2019 Annual Reunion Reconciliation

##### Income

<b>Ticket Sales</b>	<b>\$5213.13</b>
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##### Expenses

Donation School	\$1000
Bar Staff	\$225
Food	\$3200
Drinks	\$270
Party Hire	\$251
	\$4946

<b>Profit</b>	<b>\$267.13</b>
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#### Other Income

History Book	\$50	Sphinx
Celebration book	\$120	School
Museum Donation	\$330	Museum
Contributing Membership	\$680	Society

Eve enquired about the number of contributing membership renewals per year. Ed said that about 27 per year renewed their Contributing Membership.

**ACTION (224):** At the beginning of the year, Geoff will write to all members re: Renewing their membership.

#### 6.3 SPHINX FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT

Peter Farr reported that the Sphinx Foundation had only \$301 in its operating account. The audit had been completed and next meeting it will be lodged with the Society.

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The Scholarship Fund has \$1,208, 000. Peter spoke to the 1959 Reunion group at their 60th Reunion. It is of interest that since the Save PMS campaign when the school was in danger of moving, \$219,000 has been donated to the fund.

#### **6.4 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE – OPERATIONAL FINANCE**

No Report. Not required to report to the Perth Modernian Society.

#### **ITEM 7: MUSEUM (H&M) COMMITTEE.** *Report circulated electronically.*

##### **MUSEUM REPORT**

Sallie Davies reported that the Museum Association is looking at other ways of raising money, as it is embarrassing asking for donations with all the other fund raising happening.

**The fourth term meeting of the Museum Standing Committee** was held on Monday 21 October 2019, and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 10 February 2020.

##### **Visitors to the History Centre**

There have been more visitors than last year, with the decade reunions participating and other visitors on Monday mornings. The visit to the History Centre is a part of the tour of the school for reunions. Timing needs to be considered.

##### **Project Group meetings.**

IT Planning group

School Board Meeting

PMS Support Group Meeting

**World War 1, 1914-1918, World War II, 1939-1945 Memorial Project Group** – Stage 1 completed. With money from a donor and a grant from Veterans Affairs, the refurbishment of the War Memorial has been accomplished. Next a plinth will be placed next to the memorial, on which will be the names of the 5 omitted. Honour Boards in the Auditorium also need redoing. Investigations as to the most effective way of doing this are in progress. Care is needed.

**New Volunteer**, Peter Dillon has agreed to take over from Alan Porter with the Science Collection.

#### **ITEM 8: FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE:** *Report circulated electronically.*

##### **8.1 Annual General Meeting**

No Report

##### **8.2 Annual Reunion. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019,**

Please see Finance Report

##### **8.3 Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration for 2020.**

No Report

#### **ITEM 9: REUNION COORDINATION REPORT.** *Report circulated electronically.*

Barbara reported that all the decades apart from 1989 had, or were still to have, reunions this year.

**Database.** A list of the people who attended the 1959 reunion may still be coming.

#### **2020 – Class of 1970 is having a 50th Anniversary Reunion**

**Date:** Sunday 18 October 2020 from 12 noon

**Where:** Marmion Angling Club, Blue Water Room

**Contact:** Barbara Culpeper

#### **2021 –Class of 1971 50th Anniversary Reunion**

**Contact:** Glynis McEwan dunmac@iinet.net.au

#### **ITEM 10: REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Peter Farr reported that about twelve members of the executive of the P&C, Perth Modernian Society, Museum Association and Sphinx Foundation were invited to the September Board meeting to meet Board members. Everyone had a chance to speak about their organisation and mingle. Ken Michael has indicated that he will continue on next year. The School is finalising its Business Plan for the next 5 years. It will have a Marketing component.

#### **ITEM 11. PERTH MODERN SCHOOL SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP REPORT**

No Report.

## **ITEM 12: HONOURS AND AWARDS.**

On the recommendation of Ruth Barrett who provided extra information, the president, Geoff Soutar moved that the nomination for a Moderna Scola award for Robert (Bob) Johnson be accepted by the Council. All were in favour.

Bob assisted the Museum to become a registered Charity. Three major tasks were involved – the development of a new Constitution (with legal assistance) , an application for an ABN and one to the ACNC, to become a registered charity; and lastly an application to the ATO to ensure qualification for DGR Status under federal requirements, involving patience and understanding of all issues.

With the completion of this work, Bob was elected Honorary Treasurer of the Historical and Museum Committee and subsequently appointed Honorary Treasurer on the Board of the Museum Association. He has set the stage for a new Treasurer to take over. He remains a member of the Museum Committee and Museum volunteer as he pursues his initial aim – to add to the military component of the Museum. His research interest is adding valuable information on military history which will be of use to students, ANZAC Days and Remembrance Day. He has provided articles for the e-Newsletter on former students who gave their lives in war. Some of these articles have been included in school Newsletters.

As Treasurer of the Museum Association, Bob successfully applied to the Department of Veterans Affairs for a grant towards refurbishing the School War Memorial, part of which has recently been completed. He has now embarked on the mammoth task of researching and reviewing information for the refurbishment of Honour Boards for World War II, 1939-1945 and later conflicts, in preparation for a further application for DVA funding for this specific purpose.

**ACTION (223)** Ruth Barrett will write a letter to Robert (Bob) Johnson asking if he is willing to accept the award.

## **ITEM 13: GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Cable line for phone to History Centre**

Peter Farr suggested that the Council keep reminding the School in writing, that when the Auditorium is built, provision for cabling be included to the History Centre. The Museum Association has also written to the school.

### **Options for Membership payments.**

For some time, the 4-year renewal process has confused many members and renewals have been declining. An interesting option using the Trybooking system which involves creating an “event” for a year to pay memberships and donations. This would mean consideration of changing to an annual fee but multiple year payments could still be catered for. Any additional administrative effort would be minimal and a few members without internet would still require a mail out. In particular, Year 12 Graduate payments would be directed to the Society rather than through school accounts.

There seems to have been a lack of response to the 4-Year Contributing members option. Perhaps it is time to rethink the annual one. It may be more attractive and easier. Trybooking has a small fee. It would also allow for a means of donating at the same time.

**ACTION (225)** Ian and Ed will put forward a proposal for next meeting.

### **Attracting young people to be involved with the Society. Strategic Plan**

**ACTION (226)** Ask Irene Froyland to speak to us about it.

## **ITEM 14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Council Meeting will be held.

**Monday 25 November 2019**

All Council meetings to commence at 16.15

### **MEETINGS FOR 2019**

**Monday 25 November 2019**

MEETING CLOSURE: 18.00 p.m.

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ACTION No.	MEETING DATE	CLASSIFICATION	MINUTE S SECTION #	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	STATUS at date of most recent mtg	COMMENTS	ACTIONEE
147	24/10/2016	Functions:	10	Investigate what sort of function would appeal to new young members	Feb/ March 2018	Ongoing	Addressed in the <b>Strategic Plan</b>	IF, EB
187	23/10/17	Communications Members	6	Contributing members who have not kept up instalment payments to be contacted	20/11/17	Ongoing	Scholarship donors made members. Contact all Contributing Instalment Members that re-classified as unfinancial and thus Registered Member. Direct Debit. <b>To be discussed at Strategic Planning meeting 18/3/2019.</b>	IJ, EL
207	11/6/2018	General Business: New category of membership	13.2	The Council has agreed in principle to introduce an additional category of member to be known as an Honorary Contributing Member	30/7/2018	In Progress	The Constitution will be examined to see if the category of Honorary Contributing Member can be accommodated. <b>Council has power to change categories</b>	PF, GS, EL
215	18/2/2019	Finance and Fundraising: Sphinx Foundation: Scholarships	7.1	Protocol for invitations to Assembly where scholarships are awarded	18/3/2019	Ongoing	Protocol for invitations to Assembly where scholarships are awarded. Discussion.	GS, LJ
221	5/8/2019	Functions:	9.3	The subcommittee will	22/11/2019	In Progress	Peter and Julian will	PF, JG

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		Modernian Oration 2020		find a Guest speaker for the Annual Oration.			confer	
222	5/8/2019	Communications	6	Cable line for phone to History Centre to be installed when new auditorium is built.	2/09/2019	In Progress	Peter has written to the School to see if it would be possible for Optic Fibre cabling to be installed to the Museum when building the new Auditorium. Important to keep on with reminders.	PF
223	2/9/2019	Honours and awards	13	Nominations received were discussed.	28/10/2019	In Progress	Nigel Hunt Brendan Dawson and Bob Johnson were recommended for Hon. Membership of the Society. Letter conveying honour and asking for acceptance, to be written to all nominees.	RB
224	28/10/19	Communication.: Membership Finance; Operational Perth Modernian Society	5 & 6.2	Membership renewals	Feb 2020	In Progress	At the beginning of the year, the President will write to all members requesting renewals of membership to keep society in funds	GS
225	28/10/19	Communication.: Membership General Business	5	Membership Payment Options	25/11/19	In Progress	A proposal for the options for payment of renewals to be provided to Council.	IJ. EL

226	28/10/19	Communication.: Membership General Business Strategic Plan	5	Attracting Younger members	25/11/2019	In Progress	Irene Froyland to be approached to speak to group about ideas	GS
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227	28/10/19	Communications: Magazine for Contributing members	5	State Library require deposit of all Annual Magazines in their Serial Collection each year.	25/11/2019		The Annual Magazine was not produced this year. The Serial Collection of the State Library will be informed.	D.B.
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